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7 ways

to improve uptake of your VLE

A Webanywhere Free Guide

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In order to use your VLE more effectively, it's important to have a good strategy. We've examined some key techniques which you can use to improve the effectiveness of using a VLE within your school.

1 A central resource

Ensuring that pupils are using your VLE as the central resource for finding important information such as changes in their timetable as well as newsletters. This will increase the overall effectiveness of your system.

2 Gamification and rewards

The Mozilla Open Badges system enables pupils to earn rewards through the VLE. A league table as well as prizes for pupils who achieve the best scores will encourage healthy competition and increase the use of your VLE.

3 Mobile access

Pupils are able to access the VLE through their mobile device. This ensures that they can get important information more easily on a platform that they are familiar with. Pupils who are less likely to use school facilities may prefer using their mobile devices to access the VLE. Having mobile accessibility will increase overall usage.

4 Blended training

The VLE can be used by teachers to hand out assignments before class or make notes available afterwards. By doing so, teachers can ensure that pupils are taking in knowledge and this can increase productivity during class time.

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5 Bitesize "just in time" training

A VLE is a great way for staff or pupils to look up facts and check information which is readily available through an easy-to-use and effective search engine. This is called "Just in Time" training. Encouraging pupils to seek out information themselves is a great way to encourage independent learning.

6 Social learning

Creating a social network between pupils within the VLE is a great way to get them to share ideas and work together on projects. Staff are also able to use the network as a way to plan classes together or answer any questions which other staff might have regarding their work.

7 Mandatory learning

Training sessions are available through the VLE for staff and pupils. Teaching pupils how to use the VLE is a great way to make it a central part of your school's culture and can encourage pupils to use other online resources which will improve their learning experience.

Where next?

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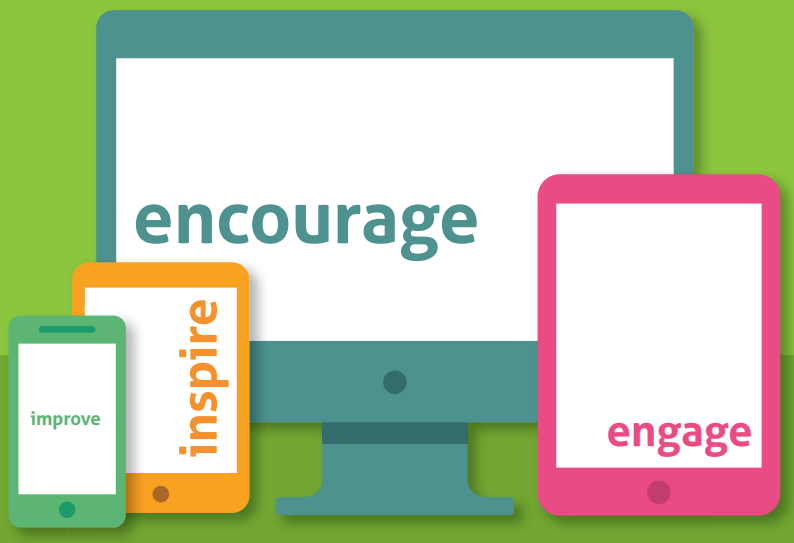

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